

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (April-June 2009)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Project Dropout L 04/12/09 7pm, 60 min

Emily Rooney, WBUR's David Boeri and Maria Hinojosa host "Project Dropout"--a multimedia program examining the state's dropout crisis.

Greater Boston L 06/08/09 7pm, 30 min

A survey by the Chronicle of Higher Education of 142 colleges found applications to both public and private colleges are up this year, despite the economic downturn.

Maria Hinojosa: One-On-One L 04/05/2009 11am, 30 min

Fernando Reimers is the Ford Foundation Professor of International Education and the Director of Global Education and of International Education Policy at Harvard University. Professor Reimers talks with María Hinojosa about the importance of developing global competencies, the nation's growing Latino drop-out rate, and the often overlooked talents and opportunities that Latino children bring to classrooms across the U.S.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston L 06/11/09 7pm, 30 min

A 130,000-square-foot Market Basket supermarket opened in Chelsea yesterday. The store will employ 300 people and is considered a significant step in the revitalization of the Chelsea neighborhood.

Greater Boston L 05/14/09 7pm, 30 min

The Boston Zoning Commission has approved Boston College's expansion plans in Brighton, despite vehement opposition from neighborhood groups.

Greater Boston L 04/27/09 7pm, 30 min

The new Hong Lok House on Essex Street is supposed to be replacing the old, run-down Hong Lok on the same street. The new Hong Lok House development will have approximately 70 apartments, but is currently stalled because it's unable to raise funds.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston L 04/02/09 7pm, 30 min

Sail Boston officials failed to deliver a plan yesterday to pay the city for an estimated \$2 million in public safety costs for its tall ships festival this summer. Mayor Menino is considering asking the Coast Guard to bar the Grand Parade of Sail on July 8.

Greater Boston L 06/22/09 7pm, 30 min

Philip Markoff, the accused "Craigslist Killer," will be arraigned this morning in Suffolk Superior Court. Markoff, a 23-year old medical student, was indicted by a grand jury on Thursday following a two-month investigation.

Greater Boston L 06/22/09 7pm, 30 min

Trial lawyer Jan Schlichtmann filed a complaint in Middlesex Superior Court Friday in the name of three Pike-weary drivers who maintain the tolls are an "illegal tax" because the proceeds from the roadway's tolls are diverted to other projects.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston L 06/18/09 7pm, 30 min

Former lawmaker Jarrett Barrios announced yesterday that he will become president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a national advocacy organization.

Greater Boston L 04/29/09 7pm, 30 min

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater (AAADT) marks its 50th anniversary of bringing African-American cultural expression and the American modern dance tradition to the world's stage.

Basic Black L 04/11/09 11pm, 30 min

"Black Theater in Boston: A Director's Roundtable" -- For many years, Boston's black theater community has been committed to presenting works that reflect the African American experience. Basic Black is proud to present a roundtable of acclaimed directors Jacqui Parker, Robbie McCauley and Lois Roach. We will also present scenes from Jacqui Parker's *Dark As A Thousand Midnights*, a play that resonates with the universal themes of race, identity, history, and redemption.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston L 05/05/09 7pm, 30 min

About 600 jobs over the next three years will be created at a new Boston-Power Inc. battery-manufacturing plant in Auburn. The state is prepared to invest about \$9 million in matching funds.

Greater Boston L 05/26/09 7pm, 30 min

Lawmakers are considering whether the state can fund the Quinn Bill any longer. The Quinn Bill bumps salaries 10 percent for a police officer with an associate's degree, 20 percent for a bachelor's degree and 25 percent for a master's or law degree.

Greater Boston L 04/06/09 7pm, 30 min

New York Times Co. has told employees at The Boston Globe that it is prepared to shut down the newspaper within a month unless it gets labor concessions.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Frontline N 04/21/09 9pm, 90 min

"Poisoned Waters" -- More than three decades after the Clean Water Act was supposed to make America's waters clean enough for swimming and fishing again, two iconic waterways -- the great coastal estuaries of Puget Sound and the Chesapeake Bay -- are in perilous condition. With polluted runoff still flowing in from industry, agriculture and massive suburban development, scientists fear contamination to the food chain and drinking water for millions of people. A growing list of endangered species is also threatened in both estuaries. As a new president, Congress and states set new agendas and spending priorities, FRONTLINE correspondent Hedrick Smith examines the rising hazards to human health and the eco-system, and why it's so hard to keep our waters clean.

Now on PBS N 04/10/09 8:30pm, 30 min

Americans are addicted to coal - it powers half of all our electricity, and is both plentiful and cheap. In fact, some call America the "Saudi Arabia of Coal." But are we paying too high an environmental price for all this cheap energy? With carbon emissions caps high on the Obama Administration's agenda, coal is in the crosshairs of the energy debate. On NOW Senior Correspondent Maria Hinojosa travels to Wyoming to take a hard look at the coal industry and its case that it can produce "clean coal" -- coal that can be burned without releasing carbon into the atmosphere. President Obama has been outspoken in his support for "clean coal technology," but some say the whole concept is not much more than a public relations campaign. As part of the report, Hinojosa talks with Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal and Jeff Goodell, the author of "Big Coal," who says that carbon dioxide emissions generated from coal contribute to global warming. Can America's cheapest and most plentiful energy resource be produced without burning the environment?

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston L 04/13/09 7pm, 30 min

Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) performed the first partial face transplant in New England, the second in the United States and the seventh in the world on April 9, 2009.

Basic Black L 04/30/09 7:30pm, 30 min

Eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities in Massachusetts has been a top priority of the Patrick Administration. To that end, the Department of Public Health recently released a report covering a broad spectrum of health issues confronting these communities. In this episode of Basic Black, host Kim McLarin is joined by Dr. JudyAnn Bigby, Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to discuss their findings.

Cry For Help N 04/29/09 9pm, 60 min

This program tells first person stories from teenagers about depression, anxiety and mental illness. From teens struggling with depression and suicide to parents unaware of what may be troubling their own child to those on the frontlines of prevention and care, "Cry for Help" provides a look at mental illness among young adults. In their own words, the program documents their stories, their emotional struggles, their lives in crisis and, in the process, discovers a new understanding of their world.

Economy/ Business

Greater Boston L 04/08/09 7pm, 30 min

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank said Monday he's pushing legislation he says will create the regulations needed to help avoid a repeat of the financial meltdown.

Greater Boston L 04/22/09 7pm, 30 min

Boston Globe business columnist Steven Syre will discuss the current banking system and how a bank's profits or losses can be at odds with its stock prices.

Greater Boston L 04/27/09 7pm, 30 min

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo will today push a 1.25 percent sales tax increase, which would bring the state's 5 percent sales tax to 6.25 percent, and bring in an estimated \$900 million in new revenue.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston L 04/22/09 7pm, 30 min

"Scenes from a Parish" is a feature-length documentary about St. Patrick's Parish in Lawrence. The documentary tracks nine people over four years and although they come together as a community of faith, the parishioners at times feel driven apart by ethnic tension, language barriers, and generational change.

Coming Home: Military Families Cope With Change N 04/01/09 8pm, 30 min

This special explores the challenges faced by injured soldiers and their families. It salutes their courage and strength; offers strategies for coping -- encouraging them to share their feelings, turn to one another for support and use existing support services; helps these families recognize that they are not alone in this process; and offers the public a glimpse into what military families endure.

Maria Hinojosa: One-On-One L 05/02/09 11am,

Kwame Anthony Appiah, who was raised in Ghana and educated in England, is the author of *In my Father's House*, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*, *Color Conscious: The Political Morality of Race*, and *The Ethics of Identity*. Appiah is an internationally renowned scholar and philosopher whose interests include African-American intellectual history, as well as issues of personal and political identity, multiculturalism and nationalism. In this conversation with Maria Hinojosa, Appiah talks about the meaning of race, the Obama effect and the possibility of a colorblind society.